

Thank you

First of all, thank you for taking the time to read this leaflet. I hope you now have a better understanding of the financial problems people affected by cancer face and how a Macmillan Grant can make such a difference to their lives.

We also hope that you'd like to talk to us further about our Instant Support appeal. If you would, please contact your local Macmillan fundraising office on **01245 345280** or email **essex@macmillan.org.uk**. Alternatively, you can fill out the form below and we will call you back at a more convenient time for you.

And if you've already decided that providing instant support is something you'd like to do, thank you. To make a difference today, simply contact your local Macmillan office on the number above or complete the slip below and send a cheque made payable to Macmillan Cancer Support to the address at the bottom of this page.

Once we receive your donation, we'll be in touch to say thank you and to let you know the impact your donation has made in the local area.



For more information please fill out and hand back to your local fundraiser or Macmillan office and we will contact you.

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INSTANT SUPPORT NEEDED

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The problem

Cancer is a devastating illness. As well as affecting a person physically and emotionally, it can also hit them extremely hard financially. A staggering nine out of 10 people who are diagnosed with cancer see their income fall and expenses rise due to their illness.

In the UK alone, we estimate that 91% of people with cancer struggled so much with money last winter that they had to take drastic action. Despite feeling the cold more due to their illness, they turned off their heating because they were worried about being able to afford their fuel bills.

It's for reasons such as this that instant support is needed now.

How Macmillan helps

To help people with cancer who are struggling financially, and who are often having to worry more about money than getting better, we provide Macmillan Grants. These pay for a range of services and items that help to lift a huge weight off a person with cancer's shoulders.

Macmillan provides grants for

- mortgage and rent repayment
- medical equipment
- heating bills
- hospital travel and car park costs
- respite breaks for palliative cases

Already in 2009, we've given 27,000 grants to people with cancer in the UK. In total, these grants amount to over £8.9m.

The reality is that there are many more people in the local area who also desperately need our support. The current economic climate has led to the demand for our grants to rise significantly. In fact, the demand is so great that, on average, **we've had to reduce the amount we give from £360 to £330.**

And when you're struggling financially, £30 can be the difference between being able to go for treatment and not.

How you can help

People with cancer in your local area need instant support now. By giving £360 for a full grant, or however much you can afford, we can provide them with vital financial help.

Without over-dramatising, the money you give could help reduce the threat of a family losing their home, ensure someone gets to hospital for treatment, or allow someone to turn the heating on whenever they're feeling cold.

Simply, you will help to change lives.

The difference a grant makes



Susan's 17-year-old daughter, Rachael, was diagnosed with leukaemia in 2009. Together, they make a 140-mile trip every day so Rachael can attend her chemotherapy session, treatment that will continue until mid 2011.

Making this daily trip, though, has had a huge financial impact on Susan. Unable to work most of the time, Susan has been forced to use nearly all of her savings to make sure Rachael gets to hospital.

This is the reason why the Macmillan Grant they received from us was so welcome.

'It was getting to a point where we were unsure how we could afford to get to Rachael's chemo. But the grant has given me the time I needed to find a new job that works around her treatment. Things are looking up!' – Susan